

# Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Worship – 9:30am / Sunday School – 10:45am

April 1, 2018

## He is Risen!

### Easter Sunday

#### PRELUDE

#### GREETINGS

Minister: Christ is risen.

People: **His is risen indeed.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”* HWB 280

#### \* EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: This is the day the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: **This the day the stone is cast aside and the mantle of darkness is torn away.**

Minister: God has swallowed up death forever and brushed our tears away!

\* *“Low in the Grave He Lay”* HWB 273

#### EASTER PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

People: **Forgive us, free us, and make us victorious over sin.**

Minister: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

People: **Guide us in the way of eternal life.**

Minister: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

People: **Give us joy to serve you faithfully.**

Minister: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world

People: **Direct our lives as your new creation.**

Minister: Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you,

People: **Amen**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE (PASTOR)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Amen. (Eph. 3:8)

#### OFFERING TO GOD

Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

\**Doxology* (Psalm 100)

HWB 119

#### CHILDREN’S STORY

*“The Story of the Empty Tomb”*

#### SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

\* *“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*

HWB 116

#### SERMON

*“He is Risen!”*

\**“Lift Your Glad Voices”*

HWB 275

#### \* EASTER BENEDICTION

1 Corinthians 15:57-28

\* *“Praise God From Whom”*

HWB 118

#### POSTLUDE

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

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- Following the children’s story children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare.
- The Adult Sunday School classes will begin 10 minutes after the service is over. Everyone is welcome!

#### Serving in Worship

Pastor

Weldon Martens

Scripture Reader

Josh Patterson

Keyboard

Ellen Mosiman

Song Leader

Penny Hiebert

Greeters

Allen & Elaine Patterson

Ushers

Lucas Goossen & Lon Hiebert

Nursery

Kathy Balzer & Kris Janzen

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

**Western District Conference:** Pray that congregations across WDC may embody the living presence of Christ in their communities, on this Easter Sunday and throughout the year.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** On this Easter Sunday, meditate on the words of Clarence Jordan, co-founder of Koinonia Farm in Georgia (a Mennonite Mission Network SOOP placement): "The good news of the resurrection is not [only] that we shall die and go home to be with [Jesus], but that he has risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick prisoner brothers [and sisters] with him."

**Upcoming Worship Services:** **April 15** Bethel College Sunday, Woven will lead the service with music. **April 22** The Remington Singers will be providing special music.

## **Announcements**

**A bucket offering for My Coins Count** will be taken next Sunday, the last one before the Relief Sale on April 13-14. Bring your coins to church to place in the offering to support **Mennonite Central Committee** and the **Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale!**

**Debbie Claassen** is planning to participate in the **Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 5K Run** on April 14. If you would like to sponsor her and help raise money for **Mennonite Central Committee**, please give donations to her by April 11. Checks should be made to **KMRS** and labeled "Run for Relief" on the memo.

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Debbie Claassen and Tammy Regehr

**Greeters Next Sunday:** Doug Claassen and Marianne Eichelberger

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Adrian Nethercot

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## Et Cetera

**MCC Lunch and Learn** - Join us on Thursday, April 5 from noon to 1 pm at MCC in North Newton, and hear Joanna Shenk share about her new book, "The Movement Makes Us Human an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK." Lunch will be provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. *Please RSVP for lunch by April 3.* For the first time, we're offering an opportunity for you to join this event virtually, on any computer or device. Visit [mcc.org/lunch-learn](http://mcc.org/lunch-learn) for information about Joanna, the book and about how to join the event from your home or office! Questions or to RSVP: 316-283-2720 or [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org).

**Getting the kitchen ready, April 6-8!** Camp Mennoscah's newly renovated kitchen is oh-so-very-close to being completed. One HUGELY important task left is to get everything back into the kitchen. With several months of construction behind us, a wee bit of cleaning is needed first. The weekend of April 6-8 will be dedicated to this process. We're offering late nights for college students and early hours for daybreakers and all day options - call us at 620-297-3290 and let us know when you can help out. Stay overnight, eat doughnuts, drink copious amounts of coffee (or tea), and have a BLAST! You can also email [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) to be part of the fun.

**Dam Going In!** Camp Mennoscah will be putting the dam back in on Sunday, April 8, at approx. 2pm-ish. Be prepared for whatever weather we have. Come early on Friday or Saturday to help us move things back into the new kitchen! Contact Camp Mennoscah with questions.

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** Spring Concerts will be April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Community Church, Wichita and April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton. Concerts are free with an offering collected to benefit the global relief work of Mennonite Central Committee. "We sing that others may live!"

**The Board of the Community Playschool** will hold their Annual Corporation meeting on April 9 at 7:15 p.m. in Room 14 at the Bethel College Church, North Newton. This meeting is open to the public. This is a great way to hear all about what is happening at the Community Playschool. We hope you can join us.

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

*Pastor: Weldon Martens*

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*Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen*

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**Sexualized violence and the church: Mennonite Central Committee** is offering three free webinars this spring for churches who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within their congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. The webinars will be led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topics. All three webinars will start at 2 pm and end at 3 pm. The first webinar, *Healthy sexuality in our congregations* will be on April 11. Katherine Goerzen and Benjamin Reynolds will lead the discussion focusing on what role the church can play in fostering and supporting healthy views of sexuality. May 9's webinar will focus on *Sexualized violence – how should churches respond?* And then on June 13, *Healthy masculinity*. Learn more and register for the webinars at [mcc.org/wwso](http://mcc.org/wwso). Contact [karinkauffmanwall@mcc.org](mailto:karinkauffmanwall@mcc.org) with questions.

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, April 13-14**, in Hutchinson, the theme is "Praising God through Service".

- Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the foyer, please consider signing up to work. The sale cannot happen without all of the volunteers! Sign-up sheets need to be turned in this week.
- For the bakers - we have pie tins (regular & small), zwieback bags, and rye/wheat bread bags. Be creative with your pies, apple and cherry are welcome but peach, apricot, rhubarb, etc. are often requested.
- Stay up-to-date on all things relating to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale by liking us on Facebook at Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale or our website at [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org). Also, download the new Kansas MCC sale app by clicking on the link on our homepage. If you have questions, please talk to Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen.

**REMEMBERING 50 years of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** The 40th Anniversary of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale took place in 2008. It was a memorable event. Apple butter was available and 500 pints quickly sold out. The Kansas Mennonite Men's Choir gave a fantastic program that was presented to a full house. The Greensburg Mennonite Church was richly involved in the 2008 sale after the devastating tornado hit their community. A "mangled" barrel, two salvaged church comforters, and generous financial support provided an inspiration to many people. It was again a chance to marvel and witness what can happen when a group of people come together to serve God in so many different ways. May God continue to bless and use MCC for His honor and glory.